

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph after paragraph [0041] of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0085974:

FIG. 11d is a diagram of communicating devices on an Arbitrated Loop attached to a Loop Switch.

Please replace paragraph [0469] of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0085974 with the following amended paragraph:

[0469] FIGS. 11a, 11b, 11c, and [[11c]] 11d, illustrates this case. Node 11 723 initially arbitrates, connects and sources an OPN 724 to node 12 725. While node 11 723 is open to node 12 725, node 13 arbitrates. When the tenancy between node 11 and node 12 completes, node 13 receives its ARB and sources an OPN 745 to node 14. The tenancy between node 13 and node 14 occurs without any intervention.